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SUBJ: SALVADOR/HONDURAS FOREIGN MINISTERS' AGREEMENT

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1. WHILE SALVADORAN FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO WAS HERE, IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH JOVA, HE SAID THAT MEXICO HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SITE OF THE MEETING BECAUSE TO CHOOSE ANY PLACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA AROUSED "CENTRAL AMERICAN JEALOUSIES". ACCORDING TO HIM, THE MINISTERS WOULD HAVE SELECTED WASHINGTON EXCEPT FOR THE EXPENSE AND TRAVEL TIME. MEXICO ON THE OTHER HAND IS WITHIN TWO HOURS TRAVEL TIME ON THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND SECRETARIAT EXPENSE THERE WOULD BE MINOR.

2. COMMENT: THE FACT THAT GUATEMALA HAD TAKE SUCH A REAL LEAD IN ATTEMPTING TO BRING ABOUT A RAPPROACHMENT
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BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS MAY WELL HAVE AROUSED

JEALOUSIES. CERTAINLY SEVILLA-SACASA IN HIS ROLE AS
COMMITTEE OF SEVEN CHAIRMAN HAS BRIDLED PERCEPTIBLY WHEN
THERE HAVE BEEN WORDS OF PRAISE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER
WITH REGARD TO THE ROLE OF THE GUATEMALANS. RUSH

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